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I would like to ask you a question or two.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kremer, would you yield?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kremer, it is not going to be that bad.

SENATOR KREMER: Oh, okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When there were attempts at contracting between these two districts, were there lawyers involved in trying to handle these contractual questions?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we don't know at all whether these contracts were the work of administrators and others who might know something about school matters but nothing about the laws of the state or how to examine what they are doing to determine what the consequences might be?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't think that...I really don't know if there were lawyers involved in it or not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Kremer. Members of the Legislature, I've already said I'm going to support the motion. It is easy to say certain things should not have happened and all the rest of that, but once we are presented, as a Legislature, with a problem that needs to be address...addressed, we'll address it. Senator Kremer has not come in here to ask us to set up some kind of program that is inadequately funded, which I would disagree with 100 percent. But in a way, there is some overlap between what I've been critical of in the past and what is being presented to us here. Schools and school people, the education establishment, are the ones who are supposed to be developing the minds of our young children. They are the ones who are supposed to be teaching us how to pay attention to what's happening in the world and how to do things correctly, how to discipline ourselves to study, to be